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MIRKA ANDOLFO'S

MERCY™

Mirka Andolfo Has Mercy for Comics Fans

Without a doubt, *Mirka Andolfo* is a comics superstar in the making.

While she has been working in comics for a while now, illustrating such books as ***Chaos*** for Dynamite and ***DC Comics Bombshells, Wonder Woman, Teen Titans, Hex Wives,*** and ***Harley Quinn*** for DC (among other projects), it was her Image project ***Unnatural*** that propelled her into the spotlight. Her series ***Mirka Andolfo's Unsacred*** for Ablaze brought her to the attention of even more fans, who fell in love with her stylish, fluid art.

But it's the remarkable ***Mercy*** that's going to cement her reputation as one of contemporary comics' best illustrators.

Mirka Andolfo's Mercy begins as the placid mining village of Woodsburgh is disturbed by a series of brutal murders, sending the settlement into turmoil. As the first snow covers the chaos in a white blanket, a mysterious woman in black arrives, eliciting a totally different kind of unrest. But who is Lady Hellaine, really? And what's her secret agenda?

"I'm so thrilled about the release of ***Mercy*** by Image," Andolfo said. "As with every story I write and draw, there's a lot of me inside this book, and I hope the American readers will enjoy that, as they did with ***Unnatural***!"

"***Mercy*** explores topics of 'otherness,' damnation, and redemption, and what it means to be a monster in a horror tale sure to appeal to fans of ***Penny Dreadful, Crimson Peak, Carnival Row,*** and ***Dark Shadows***," Image said about the goth-inspired Victorian monster series.

Image has enlisted an impressive array of talent to supply variant covers for ***Mirka Andolfo's Mercy #1.*** In addition to the Andolfo primary cover, Image will also offer a blank sketch cover as well as variant covers by *Humberto Ramos, Enrico Marini, Marco Bucci,* and a stunning variant by *Stanley "Artgerm" Lau.*

Mirka Andolfo's Mercy #1, a $3.99 comic, is scheduled for March 4th release.

Hickman & Huddleston Set New Standards of Decorum

Last year, *Jonathan Hickman* revitalized Marvel's mutant universe with ***House of X*** and ***Powers of X,*** a pair of titles that he had been secretly working on for almost a year.

Well, apparently Hickman had another secret—and now he's sharing it with comics readers.

Decorum, a new ongoing science fiction saga by *Jonathan Hickman & Mike Huddleston,* joins Image's lineup in March. The publisher said that "***Decorum*** will blend the high-impact, event-level storytelling of Hickman's recent re-envisioning of X-Men with the sprawling, addictive worldbuilding of the recently concluded ***East of West***." The series focuses on the most well-mannered assassin in the known Universe.

"We've been quietly working on this book for over a year, and I'm having the time of my life," Hickman said. "Mike is one of those ridiculously talented artists who is both technically proficient and insanely stylistic—everyone is just going to love what he's done here."

"I told Jonathan early on that I just wanted to both draw cool stuff and tell a good story," Huddleston added, "and good news! We're doing both in spades."

Decorum #1, a $3.99 comic, is scheduled for March 11th release. The first issue will be offered with two different covers, both illustrated by *Mike Huddleston.*

Coming Comics—Scout in April

Donovan Braddock is a one-man killing unit who works with a team of covert assassins known as "The Horsemen." When Braddock attempts to live a normal life and leave his old violent life behind, he discovers that

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violence still follows him as his wife is coldheartedly murdered in front of both him and his young son. Leaving them with nothing to live for, this tragic event sends father and son on an epic journey of revenge in ***Assassin & Son #1*** (by *Shad Gaspard, Mark Copani, & Eder Messiah)*, a gritty urban-western set in present-day New York.

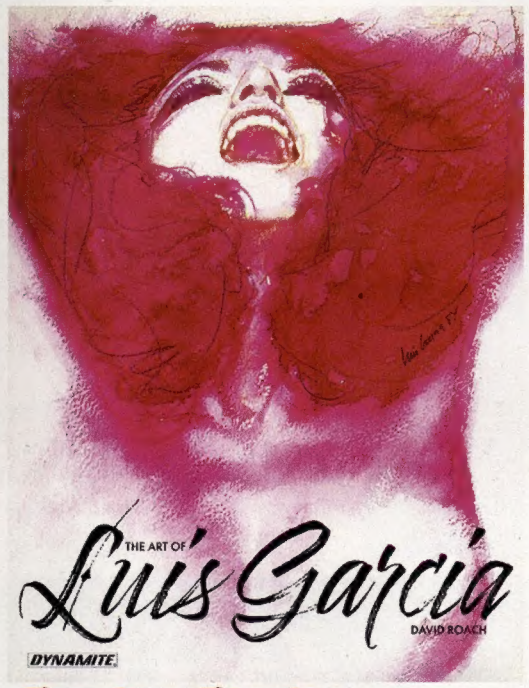
Fiery exploding skulls; super volcanic eruptions; interstellar travel; a mission gone horribly wrong; the ground turned to liquid; a miraculous launch; trapped half a mile beneath the surface of the planet and surrounded by otherworldly fire—the situation is looking dire for Helen and Arther as they attempt to blast their way back to the surface in ***Canopus #3*** (by *Dave Chisholm)*. And Helen finally learns the truth behind the mission to Canopus, amping up her urgency to return home.

When a girls' softball team takes a shortcut through the Florida Everglades, they veer off the path towards a night they'll never forget—drinking, dancing, one last hurrah before college starts and they go their separate ways. When they stumble into a trap set by a murderous cult, the stage is set for a night of blood-soaked carnage in ***Everglade Angels #1*** (by *Blake Northcott, Scott Lobdell, & Roc Upchurch)*—but the cult has never dealt with victims who are ready to fight back.

Welcome the Sawbuck Skeleton Society, with their horrific means to advance an undead agenda and collect on all living debts in a most violent way. Can good ol' Gutt talk his way out of this one, or will he have to call upon some unlikely friends to get him out of this bone-hacking predicament?! Find out in ***Gutt Ghost: Trouble with the Sawbuck Skeleton Society #1*** (by *Enzo Garza)*.

Tart TP (by *Kevin Joseph & Ludovic Salle)* presents the already published first issue along with six more issues at an affordable price. The Rulers of Hell have lost an asset of power, and they are willing to tear the history of the world apart to hunt it down. As a team of time-traveling demon hunters known as The Toxic Fruit work to thwart them, their newest recruit, Tart Acid, learns what it's like to continually fight the Hordes of Hell.

Scout's collected edition for April is ***Electric Black Volume 1 TP,*** compiling ***Electric Black #s 1–4*** and more.



Coming Comics—Dynamite in April

The Art of Luis Garcia HC offers an illustrated look at the career of the famous Warren artist, along with commentary by *David Roach* and reminiscences from *Luis Garcia* himself.

Twelve years after the events of The Boys, Hughie finds himself back home in Scotland, where he intends to finally marry Annie in the company of friends and family in ***The Boys: Dear Becky #1*** (by *Garth Ennis & Russ Braun)*. But the sudden appearance of a peculiar document sends our hero into a tailspin and threatens to bring the events of his nightmarish past crashing down on him in the worst possible way.

Team Ash travels to ancient Egypt to destroy the Deadite curse once and for all in ***Death to the Army of Darkness #3*** (by *Ryan Parrott & Jacob Edgar)*. Unfortunately, they run into Lord Deadite, the scariest guy in all of history.

Fakes are everywhere, and 007 has no clue whom to trust in ***James Bond #5*** (by *Vita Ayala, Dannyt Lore, & Eric Gapstur)*. His training and intuition are all that stand between the shadows and the light.

Prince Cyril's plan to murder Sonja the Red is diverted due to battles with giants in ***Killing Red Sonja #2*** (by *Mark Russell, Bryce Ingman, & Craig Rousseau)*. But from the battles comes a discovery, and a mysterious collection of allies begins to unite.

Teen detectives Frank and Joe Hardy have investigated many crimes in their lives, but nothing that hits as close to home as the events of ***Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys:***

The Death of Nancy Drew #1 (by *Anthony Del Col & Joe Eisma)*. Nancy dies mysteriously after taking down a major crime organization; now the Hardy Boys must put together the clues to uncover the truth about this shocking crime—but the clues lead them to a stunningly unexpected direction!

With the fate of all things hanging in the balance in ***Red Sonja: Age of Chaos #4*** (by *Erik Burnham & Jonathan Lau)*, the evil necromancer Kulan Gath must be resurrected—but can it be done without sacrificing another human being? Sonja and Chastity consult another sorcerer to find a way—but with Evil Ernie, Purgatori, and Jade all chasing after Sonja and the source of Gath's power, there's little time to set things right.

In the aftermath of the tragic plane crash that changed Vampirella's life, Vampi's enemies revel in their triumph while she hits emotional rock bottom in ***Vampirella #10*** (by *Christopher Priest & Ergun Gunduz)*. This leads Vampi to seek help from two unexpected sources: a trauma specialist working with the airline, and, ultimately, the real enemy who's been out to destroy her.

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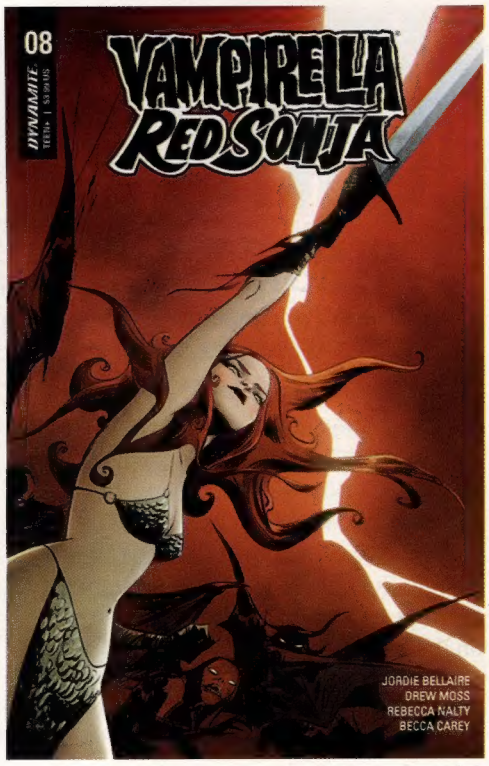


Behold... Drakulon. What the hell is Red Sonja doing there? How will its inhabitants greet her? And where... is Vampirella? Find out in ***Vampirella/Red Sonja #8*** (by *Jordie Bellaire & Drew Moss).*

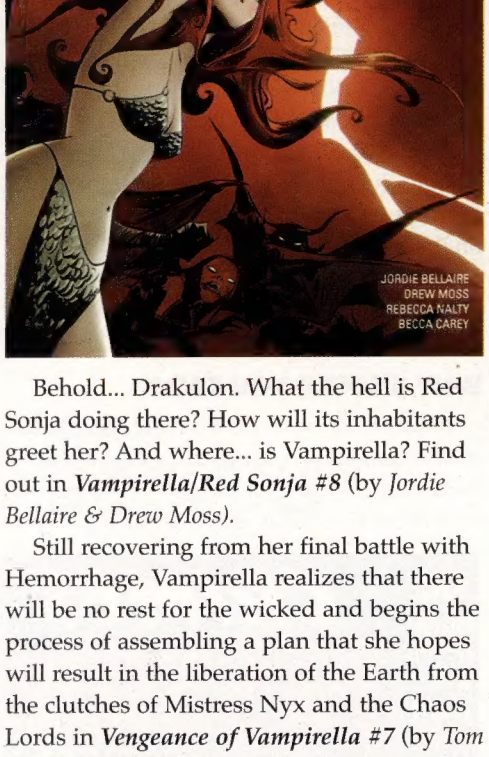
Still recovering from her final battle with Hemorrhage, Vampirella realizes that there will be no rest for the wicked and begins the process of assembling a plan that she hopes will result in the liberation of the Earth from the clutches of Mistress Nyx and the Chaos Lords in ***Vengeance of Vampirella #7*** (by *Tom Sniegoski & Michael Sta Maria).* Step one—the creation of a new Danse Macabre!

Dynamite collected editions include:

- ***Crackdown TP,*** collecting the four-issue limited series.
- ***Vampirella: Seduction of the Innocent Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Vampirella (2019) #s 1–6*** and more.

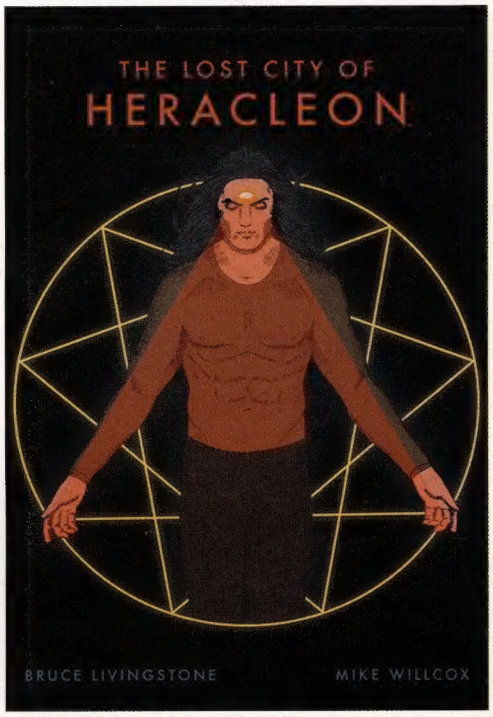
Coming Comics—Boom! in April

Witness the secret origins of some of the most important Slayers in history in ***Buffy: Every Generation #1***—as well as the first appearance of a new character with a familiar face who will change the way you look at Buffy and everything about her world.



Faith and her lovers Louis (aka The Devil) and Poppy (his daughter) bring magic and chaos to the streets of Italy in ***Faithless II #1*** (by *Brian Azzarello & Maria Llovet),* the followup series to the hit 2019 erotic thriller. Turin, known as the epicenter of black magic, is also a place of high fashion, art, and literature. Now Faith is in the center of it all, and her own power grows. But any power comes with a price.

The origin of the Omega Rangers concludes in ***Go Go Power Rangers #32*** (by *Ryan Parrott, Sina Grace, & Francesco Mortarino).*



Called to adventure, young boys Lou and Shiro find themselves on an interdimensional submarine captained by an offthe-hinges old man in ***The Lost City of Heracleon Original Graphic Novel*** (by *Bruce Livingstone & Mike Wilcox).* They soon discover Lou's missing father might still be alive as they are transformed into fully grown warriors headed straight for the battlegrounds of Ancient Egypt, the Lost City, and 1914 Sarajevo.

The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and the Omega Rangers take on the Anointed in ***Mighty Morphin Power Rangers #50*** (by *Ryan Parrott & Daniele di Nicuolo).* And wait 'til you see who return on the gatefold final page of this issue!

Witness the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles up against the joint forces of Rita Repulsa and Shredder, in ***Mighty Morphin Power Rangers/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #5*** (by *Ryan Parrott & Simone di Meo).*

Pilgrim Finch is an adventurous astronaut bear who explores the cosmos with a mission to bring samples of life back to his home planet in *Ethan Young's* ***Space Bear Original Graphic Novel.*** But when he crash-lands on a new planet full of surprises and danger around every corner, Pilgrim will be forced to question his orders and learn that the mission that matters is compassion to all living creatures no matter the stakes!

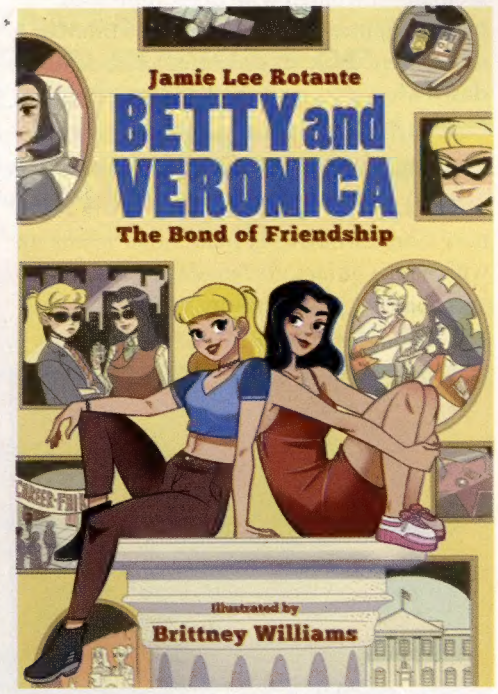
Boom! collected editions (advance solicited for May and June release) include:

- ***Angel Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Angel #s 5–8.***
- ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer Volume 3 TP,*** colleting ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer #s 9–12.***
- ***Giant Days Volume 13 TP,*** collecting ***Giant Days #s 49–52.***
- ***Jim Henson's Down at Fraggle Rock TP,*** collecting ***Mokey Loses Her Muse, The Rough Side of the Rock, Where Is It?,*** and ***Rock Hopping.***
- ***Over the Garden Wall: Soulful Symphonies TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***The Red Mother Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***The Red Mother #s 1–4.***
- ***Saban's Go Go Power Rangers Volume 7 TP,*** collecting ***Go Go Power Rangers #s 21–24.***
- ***Steven Universe Volume 7 TP,*** collecting ***Steven Universe #s 25–28.***

Coming Comics—Archie in April

Katy Keene is missing in New York City in ***Archie and Katy Keene #4*** (by *Mariko Tamaki, Kevin Panetta, & Laura Braga).* After rejecting a major opportunity in the fashion biz, Katy has run off into the night. Archie and the gang search for her and soon find out that things are more complicated than they seem.

Get hooked on the latest video game craze, Forknite; meet Archie's new, unusual pet; try to find something that was gone in a flash; and hunt down some hamburgers with your very own phone in the tech-savvy stories of ***Archie and Friends: Geeks and Games #1.***



Archie kicks off its original young adult graphic novel line with ***Betty and Veronica: The Bond of Friendship*** (by *Jamie L. Rotante & Brittney Williams).* When a career day at Riverdale High has the two BFFs examining their futures, they start to wonder just where they'll end up—and how their lives may take very different paths.

Sabrina is trapped in a love triangle; she's having trouble balancing the mortal and witch parts of herself, and she's being blackmailed in ***Sabrina: Something Wicked #1*** (by *Kelly Thompson, Veronica Fish, & Andy Fish).* As if all that wasn't enough, while trying to help Radka and Ren with their supernatural problem, her aunts suddenly start to look like people she can't trust.

Archie collected editions include:

- ***Archie vs Predator II TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- ***Life with Archie Volume 2 TP,*** collecting a selection of classic alternate-reality takes on the Riverdale gang.
- ***The New Archies TP*** features a selection of stories focusing on the gang's Riverdale Middle School days.

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ADLER #1

Lavie Tidhar (W); Paul McCaffrey (A)

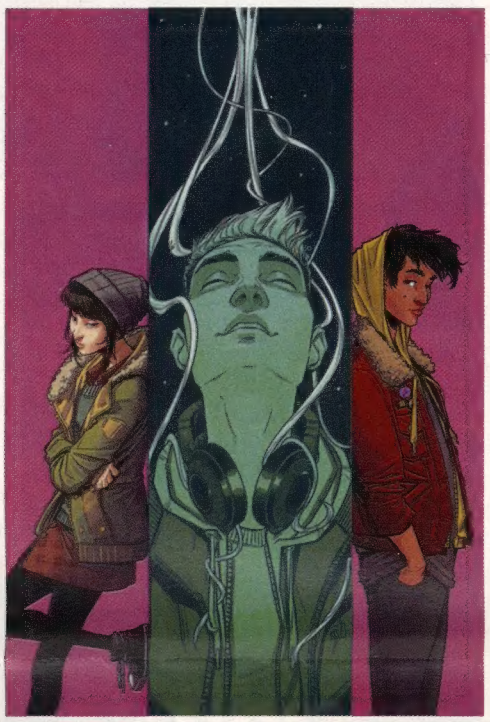
(Titan DEC191887 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

For Sherlock, there was only ever one woman—a woman who does quite well *without* Holmes, it appears. In this limited series, Irene Adler is on a mission to take down Moriarty... and she has some very capable help!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Think of this as the League of Extraordinary Gentlewomen, as Irene Adler teams up with a host of famous female faces from science, history, and literature to defeat Sherlock Holmes' nemesis.



ALIENATED #1 (OF 6)

Simon Spurrier (W); Chris Wildgoose (A)

(Boom! DEC191231 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Three teenagers, each an outcast in their own way, stumble upon an unearthly newborn entity. As they bond over this shared secret and the creature's incredible abilities, it becomes clear to the teenagers that their cute little pet is a superpredator in the making—and it's in need of prey.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

ET meets ***Lord of the Flies*** in this tale that reveals that teenagers may be the most dangerous predators of all...

ARCHIE MEETS B-52S #1

Alex Segura & Matt Rosenberg (W); Dan Parent (A)

(Archie DEC191420 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The B-52s come to Riverdale—but can Archie get his band back together in time to jam with these legends, or will in-fighting and musical drama leave them in the dust?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Archie continues its memorable musical-guest-star projects (which already have featured KISS, the Ramones, and the Monkees, among others) with this new book co-starring Athens' finest!

BANG #1 (OF 5)

Matt Kindt (W); Wilfredo Torres (A)

(Dark Horse DEC190209 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

A best-of-the-best secret agent with memories he couldn't possibly possess, a mystery writer in her 60s who spends her retirement solving crimes, a man of action with mysterious drugs that keep him ahead of a constant string of targeted disasters, and a seemingly omnipotent terrorist organization that might be behind it all... And they're all connected to one man: a science-fiction author with more information than seems possible, whose books may hold the key to saving reality... or destroying it.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Matt Kindt, who so capably played around with the changeable nature of reality in his groundbreaking (and sadly out of print) graphic novel ***Revolver,*** goes mega-meta in this unpredictable new limited series.

BATMAN: PENNYWORTH RIP #1

James Tynion IV & Peter Tomasi (A); Eddy Barrows & others (A)

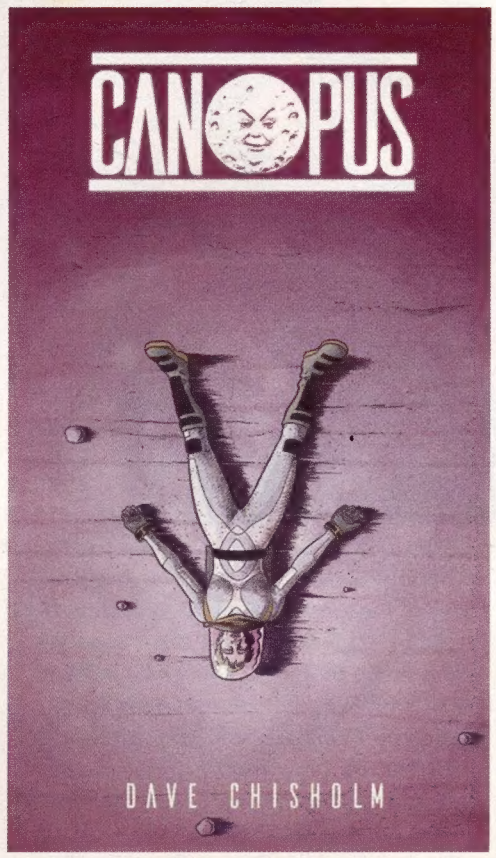
(DC DEC190410 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Alfred Pennyworth served the Wayne family for decades—even through the tragic loss of Bruce Wayne's parents. His death at the hands of Bane is the only event that could possibly compare to that fateful night in Crime Alley, and it leaves Bruce at a similar crossroads. If Alfred was the glue that held the Bat-Family together, how will Batman deal with that all falling apart? And if the Caped Crusader is to be truly alone, he might either hang that cape up once and for all... or double down and carry on with this vengeful quest forever.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Alfred is dead again, and this oneshot both celebrates his life and reveals how his death might help to reshape the Dark Knight canon.



CANOPUS #1

Dave Chisholm (W/A)

(Scout DEC191848 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Helen wakes up marooned on a lifeless alien planet 300 light years from Earth with no memories beyond a hazy sense of extinction-level urgency to return to Earth. Joined by Arther, her strange robot companion, she explores the planet to find materials necessary to repair her ship. However, circumstances are not as straightforward as they seem...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Imagine *Philip K. Dick* writing ***Robinson Crusoe on Mars*** and you have some idea what to expect from this complex, skewed-reality science fiction tale.

CONAN BATTLE FOR SERPENT CROWN #1 (OF 5)

Saladin Ahmed (W); Luke Ross (A)

(Marvel DEC190953 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Conan ventures into a place far stranger than any site he visited in Stygia or Cimmeria: fabulous Las Vegas!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The Cimmerian's quest for the Serpent Crown of Atlantis takes him into Sin City in a modern-day adventure that features a wide array of Marvel heroes and villains, including Mephisto himself.

DARK AGNES #1 (OF 5)

Becky Cloonan (W); Luca Pizzari (A)

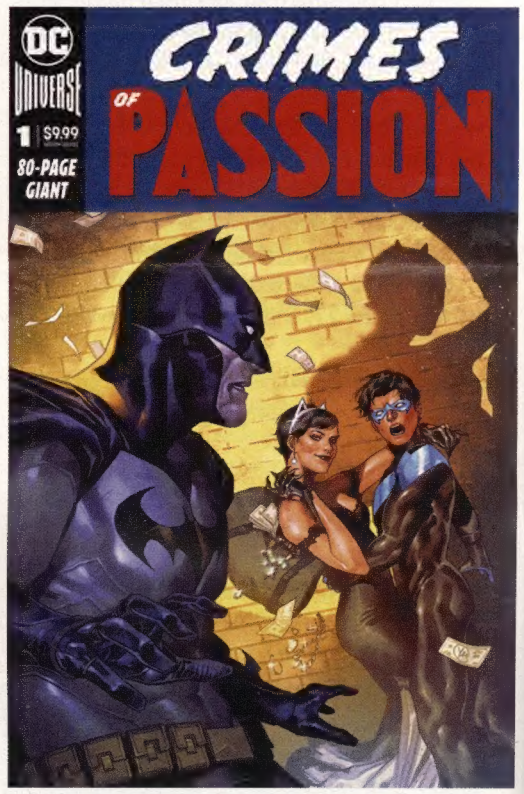
(Marvel DEC190957 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Forced into an arranged marriage, Agnes de Chastillon took matters into her own violent hands to free herself from the yoke of a life she never wanted. Now, the woman known as Dark Agnes and her mercenary partner Etienne Villiers make their way through 16th-century France as sellswords on their way to join the wars in Italy—that's where the real money is! But when Etienne is captured, it's up to Dark Agnes to save the day!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Robert E. Howard created many characters in addition to his famous sword-and-sorcery hero, as this swashbuckling Renaissance-era adventure so capably demonstrates.



DC CRIMES OF PASSION #1

James Tynion IV, Steve Orlando, Sina Grace, & others (W); Mike Norton, Riley Rossmo, John Paul Leon, & others (A)

(DC DEC190416 $9.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Passion. Betrayal. Murder. When you're a private investigator like Slam Bradley, these are things you experience daily. But when you add capes to the mix, things get even messier.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

This year's Valentine's Day–themed anthology compiles tales of romance gone wrong featuring Batman, Green Arrow, The Question, Batwoman, Nighwing, Batgirl, Plastic Man, and more.

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DCEASED: UNKILLABLES #1 (OF 3)

Tom Taylor (W); Karl Mostert & Trevor Scott (A)

(DC DEC190413 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

What did the villains do when the heroes failed and the world ended? Led by Red Hood and Deathstroke, DC's most infamous villains and antiheroes fight with no mercy to save the only commodity left on a dying planet of the undead: life!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Tom Taylor is back with a new tale set in the world of the 2019 best-selling ***DCeased*** series. (Think of it as the comic that couldn't die!)

DOCTOR TOMORROW #1 (OF 5)

Alejandro Arbona (W); Jim Towe (A)

(Valiant DEC191946 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Teen hothead and star athlete Bart Simms is about to meet the Valiant Universe's greatest hero: his future self!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Valiant ramps up its superhero line with its first new hero of 2020!

FALCON & WINTER SOLDIER #1 (OF 5)

Derek Landy (W); Federico Vincentini (A)

(Marvel DEC190794 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

When a dramatic attempt on the life of Bucky Barnes reunites him with Sam Wilson, the two old friends are plunged headlong into a race to uncover the new leader of Hydra before a mass casualty event announces the terror group's resurgence to the world.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Two former Captain Americas return to the spotlight in this new limited series.

FANTASTIC FOUR: GRIMM NOIR #1

Gerry Duggan (W); Ron Garney (A)

(Marvel DEC190905 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

What is Dr Strange's nemesis D'Spayre doing on Yancy Street? Ben Grimm throws on his hat and overcoat to solve the mystery in this rough'n'rocky noir tale.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

When *Gerry Duggan's* name is on the writing credits and *Ron Garney's* supplying the visuals, sign us up!

FLASH #750

Francis Manapul & others (W); Rafa Sandoval & others (A)

(DC DEC190400 $7.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

While a supercharged Speed Force wreaks havoc on Barry Allen's life, a new threat appears on the horizon in the form of the deadly Paradox. Destined to destroy the Flash's legacy, Paradox sends his herald, Godspeed, to trap the Flash family! Plus, this special anniversary issue also features tales from across the generations of speedsters by an all-star lineup of writers and artists!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The long-running "Flash Age" tale comes to an end, and readers get a glimpse at what's coming up for the Scarlet Speedster in this landmark issue that restores *The Flash's* legacy numbering.

GIANT SIZE X-MEN: JEAN GREY & EMMA FROST #1 DX

Jonathan Hickman (W); Russell Dauterman (A)

(Marvel DEC190780 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

When Storm is in danger, it's going to take two of the most powerful telepaths on Earth working together to make things right. Jean Grey and Emma Frost, together again for the good of Krakoa!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Jonathan Hickman kicks off a five-issue ***Giant-Size X-Men*** series featuring some of Marvel's most popular mutants, illustrated by some of Marvel's most popular artists, beginning with *Russell Dauterman.*

GREEN LANTERN SEASON 2 #1

Grant Morrison (W); Liam Sharp (A)

(DC DEC190417 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In the wake of the Blackstar incursion, Hal Jordan and his fellow Lanterns must pick up the pieces. Among those pieces is Jordan's next critical mission: search for the next generation of cosmic immortals. Is the universe ready for the Young Guardians?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Grant Morrison reunites with *Liam Sharp* to take their Green Lantern saga to the next level in this 30-page relaunch.

GWEN STACY #1 (OF 5)

Christos Gage (W); Todd Nauck (A)

(Marvel DEC190842 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Learn the never-before-told origin of Gwen Stacy, top of her class, daughter of the Police Captain and (as her friend Harry Osborn calls her) "The Beauty Queen of Standard High." But she's way more than you even know! Gwen's got a science brain, a nose for trouble, and a no-quit attitude. In the early Marvel Universe, that's a recipe for disaster.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Christos Gage & Todd Nauck take readers back to the earliest days of the Marvel Age with this look at Gwen's life *before* she met Peter Parker in *Amazing Spider-Man #31.*

JAMES BOND: REFLECTIONS OF DEATH HC

Greg Pak, Andy Diggle, Gail Simone, Vita Ayala, Danny Lore, Mark Russell, & Benjamin Percy (W); Luca Casalanguida & others (A)

(Dynamite DEC191096 $24.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Moneypenny has been kidnapped, and the mystery of who has her and what they want will be revealed only when (or if?) 007 is able to complete his missions.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Greg Pak, Andy Diggle, Gail Simone, Vita Ayala, Danny Lore, Mark Russell, & Benjamin Percy join forces for the first original graphic novel featuring the contemporary James Bond.

LEVIATHAN DAWN #1

Brian Bendis (W); Alex Maleev (A)

(DC DEC190422 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

With Leviathan arrived, its leader's identity revealed, and its plans known, what happens next? Now the heroes fight back! Leviathan changed the rules of the game, so now's the time for the biggest players to get together and figure out a new strategy.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev reunite to present the next chapter in the Leviathan drama. (Considering the revelations in the final issue of ***Event Leviathan,*** you didn't really think it was all over and done with, did you?)

MAN WHO EFFED UP TIME #1

John Layman (W); Karl Mostert (A)

(AfterShock DEC191336 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Sean Bennett is just your everyday, ordinary lab worker in a high-tech lab with a prototype time machine. And, yeah, he's got the same temptations any of us would have about going back in time, just a bit, to correct mistakes of the past and right old wrongs. So, when he meets a version of himself from the future who encourages him to do just that, Sean takes the temporal plunge. Alas, things don't go very well...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

John Layman, the writer who gave us such twisted titles as ***Chew*** and ***Eleanor and the Egret,*** twists time into knots in this SF action comedy.

PLUNGE #1 (OF 6)

Joe Hill (W); Stuart Immonen (A)

(DC DEC190430 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In the aftermath of a devastating tsunami, an exploration vessel known as the Derleth begins sending an automated distress signal from a remote atoll in the Bering Strait. The only problem is that the Derleth has been missing for 40 years! Now marine biologist Moriah Lamb joins the Carpenter Salvage team to recover the Derleth's dead... only to find that in this remote part of the Arctic Circle the dead have plenty to say to the living...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Joe Hill joins with artist *Stuart Immonen* for a horror series that resurrects the *august* tale of a horror that returns after a multiyear absence—and the Arctic Circle setting is sure to be another *thing* that will appeal to horror fans!

STAR WARS: DARTH VADER #1

Greg Pak (W); Raffaele Ienco (A)

(Marvel DEC190965 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In the shattering climax of ***The Empire Strikes Back,*** Darth Vader infamously reveals his true relationship to Luke Skywalker and invites his son to rule the galaxy at his side. But Luke refuses—plunging into the abyss beneath Cloud City rather than turn to the Dark Side. We all remember Luke's utter horror in this life-altering moment. But what about Vader? In this new epic chapter in the Darth Vader saga, the dark lord grapples with Luke's unthinkable refusal and embarks on a bloody mission of rage-filled revenge against everything and everyone who had a hand in hiding and corrupting his only son...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Greg Pak & Raffaele Ienco bring the dark lord along as the Marvel ***Star Wars*** universe jumps ahead to the time period between ***The Empire Strikes Back*** and ***The Return of the Jedi.***

SUPERMAN: VILLAINS #1

Brian Bendis & others (W); Bryan Hitch & others (A)

(DC DEC190433 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In January, we saw how the heroes responded to the revelation of Superman's secret identity. Now we find out how the Man of Steel's greatest villains react to the news. Lex Luthor, Mongul, Toyman, The Joker, and more of the world's greatest villains must come to grips with how the world changes now that the truth has been revealed.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The major change in Superman's status quo continues to resonate through the DCU... and the surprises aren't done with quite yet!

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: JENNIKA #1 (OF 3)

Brahm Revel (W/A)

(IDW DEC190606 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Trying to acclimate to life as a mutant, the newest Turtle, Jennika, embarks on a solo adventure that will force her to come to terms with both her troubled past and conflicted present.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The newest Turtle graduates to her own limited series—and her very own brand-new villain!

WOLVERINE #1 DX

Ben Percy (W); Adam Kubert (A)

(Marvel DEC190753 $7.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Wolverine has been through a lot. He's been a loner. He's been a killer. He's been a hero. He's been an Avenger. He's been to hell and back. Now, as the nation of Krakoa brings together all Mutantkind, can he be happy? With his family all together and safe, Wolverine has everything he ever wanted... but that means that he also has everything to lose.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Marvel's most popular mutant finally returns to his own solo series that puts him right in the middle of the ***Dawn of X*** event—but how will the change in the mutant status quo change Logan?

X-MEN/FANTASTIC FOUR #1 (OF 4)

Chip Zdarsky (W); Terry Dodson (A)

(Marvel DEC190770 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Every mutant on Earth lives in Krakoa... except for one. But now it's time for Franklin Richards to come home. At least, that's what the mutants think. But Franklin's parents might have something to say about that...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

This riveting new series focuses on one of the most complex questions in the post-Krakoa Marvel Universe: whether family is more important than genetics. And the answer to that question is going to shake up both sides in this dispute.

Collected Cool: February's Best Reprint Editions

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN EPIC COLLECTION TP: SECRET OF THE PETRIFIED TABLET

(Marvel NOV190980 $39.99)

The Spider-Sixties come to an end with this volume's tales from ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 68–85 & Annual #s 5–6,*** some of the final issues by the second great Spider-Man team of *Stan Lee & John Romita.*

ANIMAL MAN BY GRANT MORRISON TP VOL 1

(DC NOV190522 $29.99)

Grant Morrison reinvented the Man with Animal Powers in this collection of tales from ***Animal Man #s 1–13*** and ***Secret Origins #39.***

BILLY BATSON AND MAGIC OF SHAZAM! TP BOOK 1

(DC NOV190535 $19.99)

If you never got to experience the wonder of *Mike Kunkel's* remarkable Shazam! tales, then you really owe it to yourself to pick up this compendium of ***Billy Batson and the Magic of Shazam! #s 1–12.***

DOOM PATROL BY JOHN BYRNE OMNIBUS HC

(DC JUL190639 $75.00)

Remember how *John Byrne* really captured the essential elements of Superman, the Fantastic Four, and Captain America during his delightful runs on those series? Well, he did the very same thing with the World's Strangest Heroes, and they're all here: ***JLA #s 94–99, Doom Patrol #s 1–18, Superman #20,*** and more.

FLASH OF TWO WORLDS DELUXE EDITION HC

(DC NOV190539 $29.99)

The whole multiple Earths concept first appeared in the pages of ***Flash #123,*** and for years thereafter the more-or-less-annual meetings of the Flashes of Two Worlds were must-read events. Now those Silver Age tales from ***The Flash #s 123, 129, 137, 151, 170, & 173*** are assembled in one handsome hardcover volume.

HISTORY OF MARVEL UNIVERSE TREASURY EDITION TP

(Marvel NOV190960 $29.99)

Mark Waid & Javier Rodriguez make Marvel's incredibly complex history comprehensible and entertaining in this limited series—and they managed to do it in comics form! Now you can enjoy history in the making in an oversized edition that shows off the beautiful art *and* makes it easier for you to read all those informative words!

MARVEL MASTERS OF SUSPENSE LEE & DITKO OMNIBUS HC VOL 2

(Marvel AUG191145 $100.00)

The remainder of those ***Twilight Zone***–esque stories by *Stan Lee & Steve Ditko* are collected in this must-have compendium that includes tales from ***Journey into Mystery (1952) #s 74–96, Strange Tales (1951) #s 92–109 & 112–113, Tales To Astonish (1959) #s 27–48, Tales of Suspense (1959) #s 25–44 & 46, Amazing Adult Fantasy #s 7–14,*** and ***Amazing Fantasy (1962) #15.***

NEXUS NEWSPAPER STRIPS TP VOL 1: GOURMANDO

(Dark Horse OCT190315 $19.99)

The rarely seen strips by *Mike Baron & Steve Rude* are collected in this volume that also includes the newly remastered ***Nexus: The Origin*** comic and the classic Rude hand-painted Sundra story, "When She was Young."

OWLY COLOR ED GN VOL 1: WAY HOME

(Graphix NOV191761 $10.99)

Andy Runton's marvelous tales of a good-natured little owl are finally back in print—and they're in color for the first time!

SPIDER-MAN: MILES MORALES OMNIBUS HC

(Marvel AUG191136 $75.00)

Miles Morales moves from the Ultimate Universe to the Marvelverse in this collection of ***Spider-Man (2016) #s 1–21 & 234–240*** and ***Spider-Gwen (2015B) #s 16–18.***

SPIRIT 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TP 1

(Clover DEC191591 $12.99)

Clover kicks off its affordable graphic novella program with this collection of classic *Will Eisner* Spirit tales. (And if there's any justice, this is one body of work that should *never* be out of print!)

WONDER WOMAN BY GAIL SIMONE OMNIBUS HC

(DC JUN190615 $75.00)

Gail Simone produced one of the best ***Wonder Woman*** runs in the Amazing Amazon's history, and now they're all available in this hefty compendium featuring ***Wonder Woman #s 14–44 (2008) & 600, Sensation Comics featuring Wonder Woman #1,*** and more.

FYI: : Must-Have Additions to Your Reference Library

AMERICAN COMIC BOOK CHRONICLES HC: THE 1950s

(TwoMorrows OCT192159 $46.95)

TwoMorrow's essential history of the post–Golden Age era that gave way to the Silver Age returns to print, complete with text corrections, improved binding, and a more durable cover. This volume is authored by comics expert *Bill Schelly,* whose love for comics and the era comes through on every page.

SANDMAN: OVERTURE GALLERY EDITION

(DC MAY180599 $150.00)

JH Williams III shows off his artistic range and skills in the pages of the new Gallery Edition of *Neil Gaiman's* ***The Sandman: Overture,*** all meticulously scanned at high resolution from the original art for its presentation in this large-format, Smythe-sewn hardcover edition that is printed in full color to show off every nuance, pencil line, and correction as they appeared on the original artboards. Though Williams' art will be shown without lettering, this book will also include scaled-down reproductions of the final lettered and colored pages for those who wish to read the story.

Just the Facs, Ma'am: February's Best Facsimile Editions

FLASH #123 FACSIMILE EDITION

(DC DEC190423 $3.99)

This classic issue from 1961 introduced the concept of the Multiverse to the pages of DC Comics—and now you can enjoy it in an ads-and-all facsimile edition!

GREEN LANTERN #1 FACSIMILE EDITION

(DC COMICS DEC190424 $3.99)

After a successful run in ***Showcase,*** Hal Jordan graduated to his own series—and you can enjoy the first issue in this ads-and-all reprint.

GREEN LANTERN
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
$3.99
Featuring "MENACE of the GIANT PUPPET!"
AN UNKNOWN ENEMY-- MANIPULATING A MONSTROUS PUPPET TO FIRE DEADLY RAY-BLASTS AT ME!

WOLVERINE (BY CLAREMONT & BUSCEMA) #1 FACSIMILE EDITION

(Marvel DEC190766 $3.99)

The premiere issue of Wolverine's first ongoing series by *Chris Claremont & John Buscema* is given the facsimile treatment.

WOLVERINE (BY CLAREMONT & MILLER) #1 FACSIMILE EDITION

(Marvel DEC190765 $3.99)

This is the book that first promoted team member Wolverine to solo superstar—and here it is again in a facsimile edition!

Hot Commodities: February's Best Merchandising & Collectibles

DC COMICS GALLERY ROBIN PVC STATUE

(Diamond Select OCT192536 $49.99)

Tim Drake arcs over a smokestack in this dynamic new entry in the DC Comic Gallery Diorama line. Measuring approximately 9" tall, this sculpture of Robin is crafted of high-quality PVC and features superior sculpting and paint details.

DC COMICS SHAZAM! FAMILY: MARY BISHOUJO STATUE

(Kotobukiya SEP192881 $149.99)

The statue, based on a stylized rendering by Bishoujo illustrator *Shunya Yamashita,* features Mary in an innocent and energetic pose.

DC COVER GIRLS: BATGIRL BY FRANK CHO STATUE

(DC JUL190676 $130.00)

Kicking off the newest series of DC Collectibles' famous DC Cover Girls line is ***Batgirl,*** designed by popular cover artist *Frank Cho.*

DC POSTER PORTFOLIO: JOSHUA MIDDLETON TP

(DC SEP190565 $24.99)

The latest DC Poster Portfolio spotlights the breathtaking artwork of *Joshua Middleton* from variant covers for ***Aquaman, Batgirl,*** and more on quality paper in a 12" x 16" format.

GI JOE: BARONESS BISHOUJO STATUE

(Kotobukiya SEP192937 $165.00)

Cobra is ready to make its stand in the GI Joe Bishoujo lineup with the introduction of Anastasia Cisarovna, better known as the Baroness, in a statue designed by illustrator *Yamashita Shunya.*

HARLEY QUINN RED WHITE & BLACK STATUE BY JOSHUA MIDDLETON

(DC JUL190678 $90.00)

Based on one of his popular variant covers for the ***Harley Quinn*** comics series, this all-new statue sculpted by *Karen Palinko* brings *Joshua Middleton's* artwork to life.

MARVEL GHOST RIDER ARTFX PREMIER STATUE

(Kotobukiya SEP192795 $229.99)

The roaring flames that surround Cosmic Ghost Rider's head and the cosmic glow emanating from the statue's body are recreated for this statue using LEDs, allowing fans to enjoy the character in a completely new light—quite literally! The flowing magma on the base is also outfitted with LEDs, giving the base an otherworldly appearance.

MARVEL PREMIER COLLECTION MILES MORALES STATUE

(Diamond Select OCT192545 $150.00)

Miles Morales spins a web in this new 9" tall Premier Collection statue designed by *Caesar* and sculpted by *Alterton.*

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